

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Granite Park Inventory Number: HO-188  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic district: yes  no  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Howard  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Ellicott City  
Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Prepared By: VA Gjore Mollenhoff  
Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_  
Documentation is presented in: MHT federal files  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*  
not included with DOE

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: Federal DOE-Criteria not indicated on DOE form

SHPO  
**Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services**

S. Garrison, for Keeper of NR  
**Reviewer, National Register Program**

Tuesday, March 30, 1982  
**Date**

Thursday, April 08, 1982  
**Date**

Ho-188  
Granite Park  
Columbia  
Private

circa 1844

*Declared Eligible 4/15/52*

This spacious ashlar granite block house faces east on a gentle slope of land on the west side of Murray Hill Road, located on a 260 acre tract of land known as Wincopin Neck, soon to be developed as an integral part of Columbia.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) ashlar granite block house with gabled roof portico covering a wide central entrance door flanked by vertical side lights and surmounted by a four light transom.

Constructed by Charles Stewart in the early 1800's of ashlar granite blocks quarried on the property, it was passed to his son Claudius in 1849.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

4/19/82  
Ho-188  
District 6  
MAGI # 1401887904

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Granite Park

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7608 Murray Hill Road (Now on Murray Hill Drive)

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME 95-32 Corporation  
c/o Howard Research & Development  
~~Nelson Gardner~~

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 833

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21044

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 42, p. 390  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 569  
Folio #: 335

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-188  
Dist. 6

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

<sup>Park</sup>  
Granite Hill is located on the west side of Murray Hill Road, 3/10 of a mile south of the intersection at Route 32.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, ashlar granite block structure whose gabled roof runs north-south. Its north and south walls hold two tall square brick chimneys with corbeled brick tops.

The building faces east on the west side of Murray Hill Road with a central one story high gabled roof portico supported by two doric columns covering the central rectangular double one-one light wood paneled entrance door. The door is flanked by four vertical side lights and surmounted by a three light transom.

Fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, decorated with flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills. The double-hung windows hold six-over-six lights. They are underlined by three light cellar windows.

North Elevation

The north wall holds two first floor windows located near the corner of the building and a central rectangular twelve-twelve light french door. A rectangular attic window holding six-over-six lights rests above the two rather centrally located second floor windows which hold six-over-six lights.

A one story high, flat roofed, open porch runs along this entire elevation approached on the east by eight wide wooden steps and on the west by six steps.

The pattern of this wall is repeated in the south wall which holds two similarly located second floor and attic windows. The first floor has been altered somewhat and its east bay window blocked in while a door leading on to a cement patio with stone base rests in the second east bay with a rectangular one light kitchen window resting just west of the dining room door. They are decorated with flat stone lintels.

The west elevation holds a 14-14 light french door in the north bay, a central rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lights and a nine light rectangular kitchen door surmounted by a two light transom in the south bay.

Three rectangular double-hung windows holding six-over-six lights punctuate the second floor of this very pleasing elevation. The patio on the south side of the house extends westward and runs along the southern end of this wall.

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The interior has been renovated and retains much of its original woodwork, crown molding in its two front parlors and cross paneled doors.

Certain changes which had been made to the house have been corrected by the present owners. The basement stairway under the central staircase had been relocated to the northwest corner of the kitchen and a closet placed there. The original location of this stairway was restored and a small powder room and closet for washer-dryer now takes up the area which once was used for the cellar staircase in the kitchen. This is an improvement to the floor plan as well as a restoration to the house.

Secondly a frame appendage on the south wall off the dining room was completely taken off, leaving a fine stone foundation for the cement patio which runs along this elevation of the house, affording a balance in treatment to the flat roofed one story high open porch on the north wall.

Interior mantle pieces in the double parlor are probably later additions, but of exceptional quality and craftsmanship. That on the east side of the north wall is flanked by fluted pilasters, on the west side by full doric columns with full intablature.

The fine taste and sensitivity of the present owners have enhanced the architectural value of this mid-nineteenth century granite home and afforded an exceptional visual experience to the visitor.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

**SPECIFIC DATES** circa 1844

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Granite Park is historically and architecturally significant. Set on a gentle slope of land on the west side of Murray Hill Road, it is located on a 260 acre tract of land known as Wincopin Neck, now held by the 95-32 Corporation, a subsidiary of the Rouse Company. High density development is planned for this area which is between the Middle Patuxent River and the stream known as Brown's branch. This area of development extends along the Middle Patuxent and effects not only Granite Park, but Moundland, Ho-40; Wild Wood, Ho-267; The Worthington-Carr House, Ho-427; Worthington's Quarters, Ho-39; The Phelps Residence, Ho-266; The Phelps Log Cabin, Ho-265; Senator Gorman's House, Ho-153; and Overlook Farms, Ho-236.

The area is one of the first to be developed in the early nineteenth century in close proximity to old Christ Church which was the social center for the families of Howard County. It is imperative that Howard County set up a rural historical district in this area to insure the continued integrity of this district which holds a variety of buildings built in stone, brick and frame ship lap and denoting a number of architectural styles ranging from the early Georgian as expressed in the simple architecture of Worthington's Quarters and Wild Wood to the more formal ashlar granite block structures of Moundland and Granite Park. Howard County's simple frame houses are exemplified by the Worthington-Carr House as well as the Phelp's Residence, while the Queen Anne style is represented in the Gorman House.

Architecturally Granite Park is representative of the fine ashlar granite block construction of the early nineteenth century. Both Granite Park and its neighbor Moundland are representative of the grand manner. Though their interior floor plans vary, they both feature double parlors, fine staircases with central hall and large well lighted rooms. Their exteriors feature granite block lintels and projecting stone sills as well as pleasing, well-proportioned, symmetrical facades with central porticos over central entrances. Though Moundland has more of its original paneling and is built on a more grandiose scale, Granite Park's east and west facades are significantly pleasing and noteworthy. In an 1849 deed to the property, Charles Stewart notes that the "stone for my dwelling house was quarried...near the first extreme northern bend where the middle branch of the Patuxent River unites with Brown's Branch." It is probable that the stone used for Moundland also

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came from this area.

Together these two houses form a notable architectural ensemble and care should be taken in the future planning of their area to ensure their integrity and utilize them as focal points for any area development plan. This should also be done in regard to Wild Wood, Worthington's Quarters, the Worthington-Carr House, the Phelp's Residence, Senator Gorman's House and Overlook Farms. A great opportunity for true town planning in its best sense, can be seen here if the planners will ensure that future development will weave into rather than superimpose upon, the original architectural fabric as represented in those houses mentioned.

A first step in insuring that this treatment be effectuated would be the inclusion of all these buildings and/or the entire area into the State Critical Areas Program as well as the formation of a rural historic district for this area of Howard County. Most of these houses were built prior to or sometime in the early nineteenth century. Granite Park is known to have been occupied by Charles Stewart prior to 1849 (H.C. 9-126). On May 31, 1849 Charles Stewart conveyed the property to his son Claudius in "consideration of the natural love and affection...he hath and beareth unto the said Claudius."

J. P. Warfield notes that Charles Stewart belonged to the famous South River Club in 1844. This social club is known to have been formed by 1740 and a new club house constructed in 1742. It is believed to have been organized prior to 1700 and to be the oldest social organization of its kind in the United States. Its membership was composed of the leading men of the state and by the year 1905 was limited to twenty-five, all of whom were lineal descendants of former members who met four times a year.

To have belonged to such a prestigious organization Charles Stewart had managed to establish himself as a gentleman and a leader in Maryland Society.

In 1849 he passed Granite Park to his son Claudius who continued the family tradition of leadership in his service as sheriff for Howard County in 1869.

Associated with the leadership of Howard County as well as possessing outstanding architectural merit, Granite Park should be placed on the National Register and included in the State Critical Areas Program.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ho-188  
District 6

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Mrs. James Tyrell at Granite Park, 21 February, 1978.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 348.222

Please see Attachment 1.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Liber 569, folio 335.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

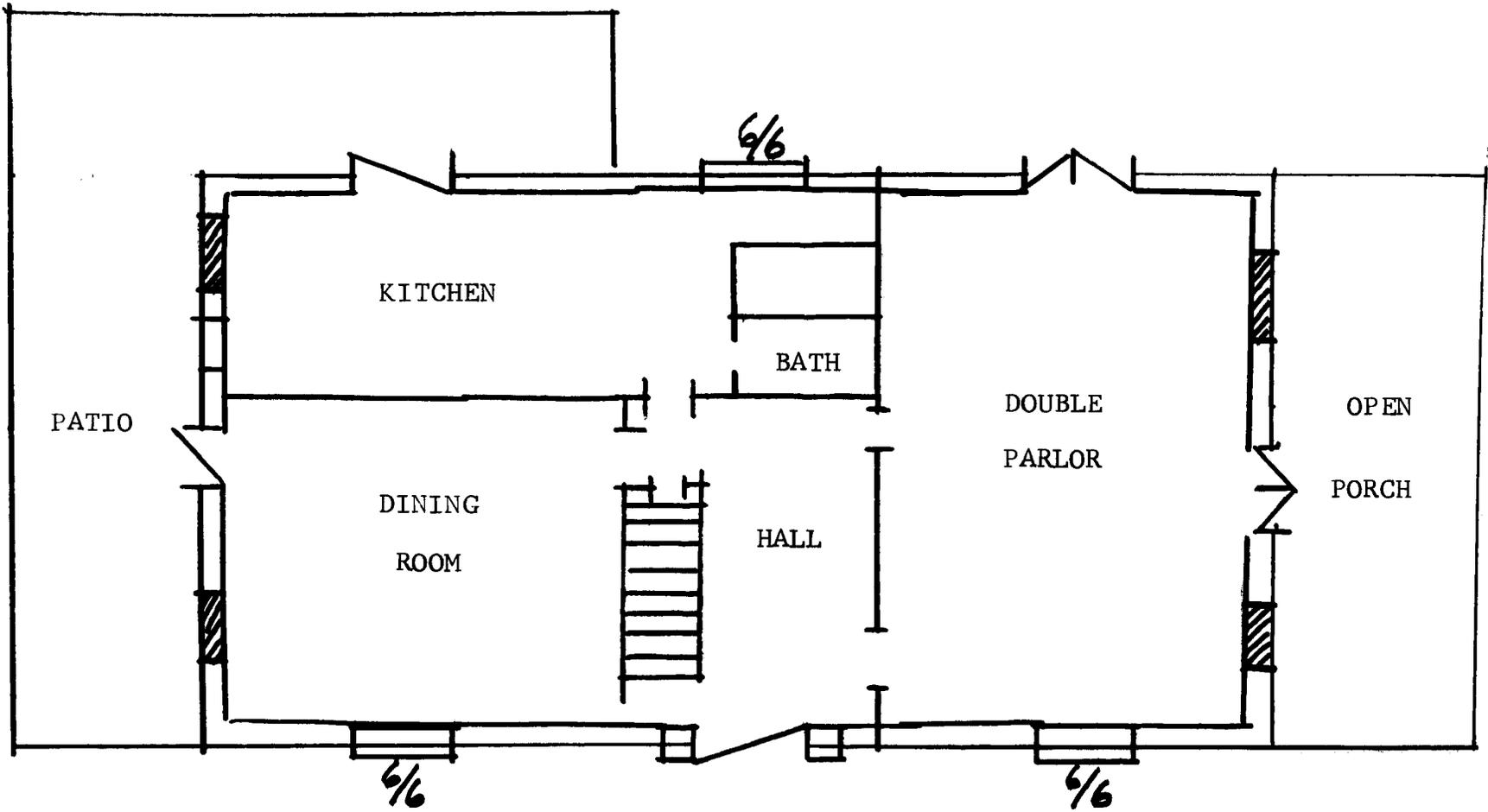
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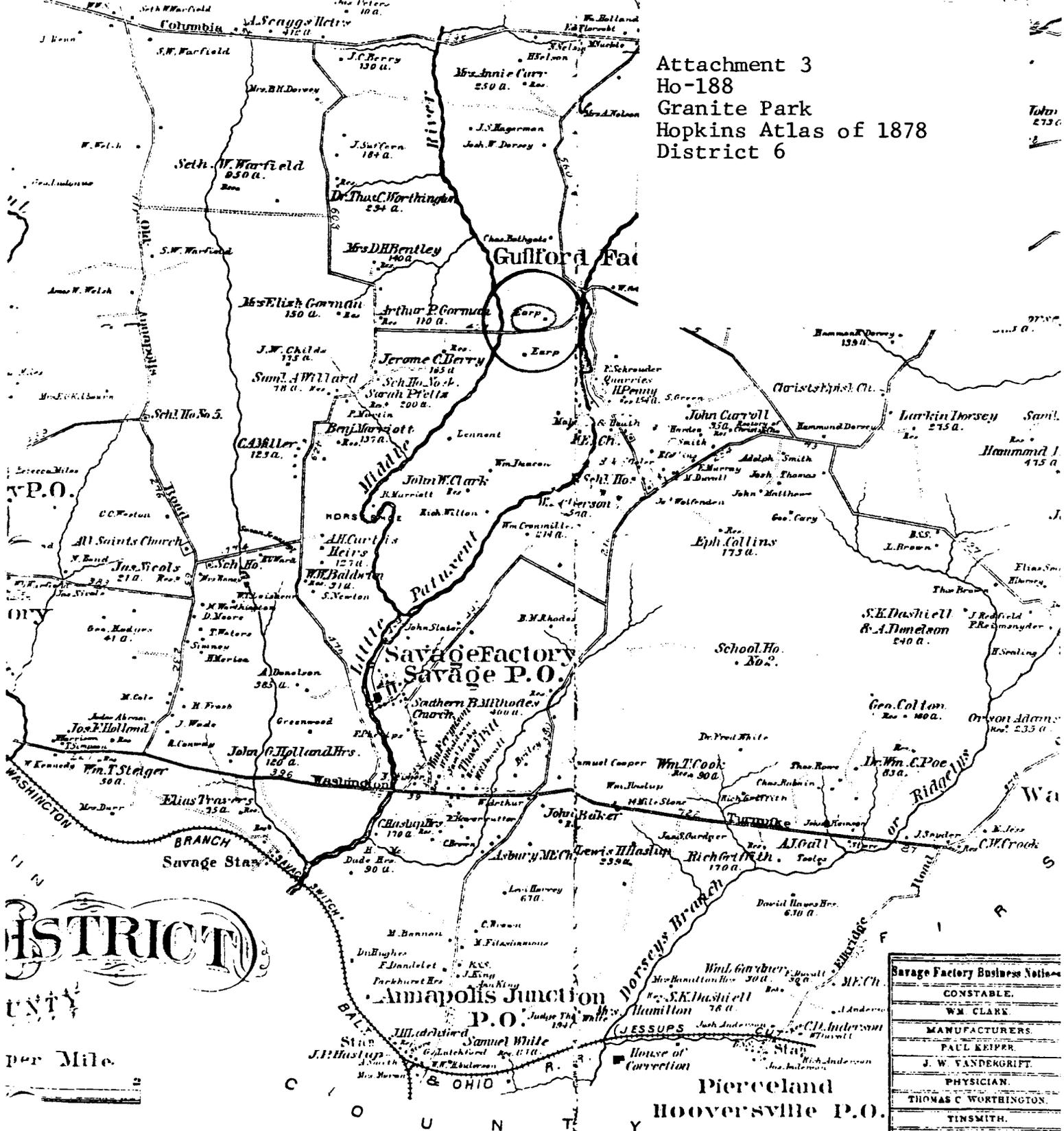
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Figure 1  
HO-188  
Granite Hill Park  
First Floor Plan



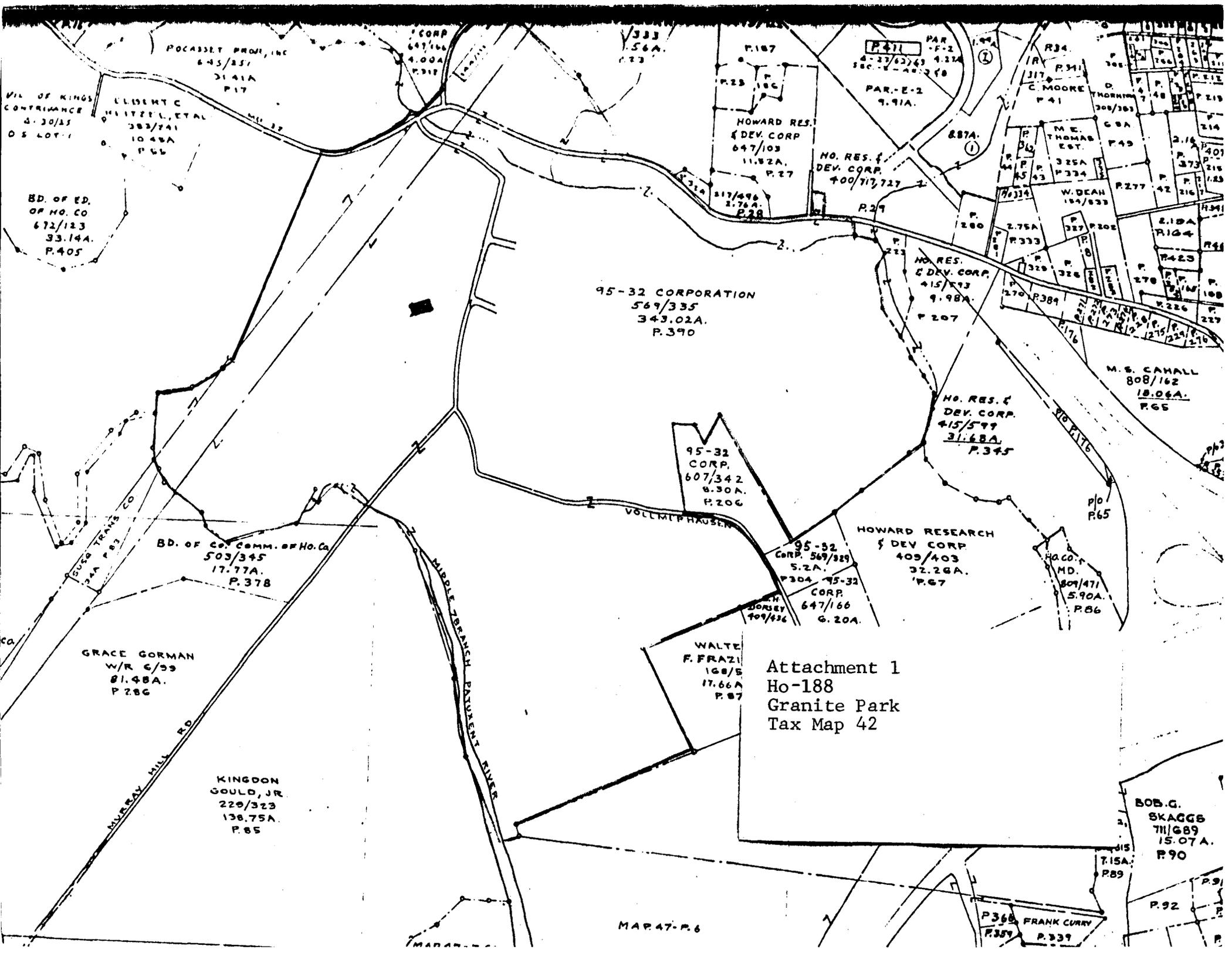
Attachment 3  
 Ho-188  
 Granite Park  
 Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
 District 6



DISTRICT

per Mile.

Savage Factory Business Notices	
CONSTABLE.	WM CLARK
MANUFACTURERS.	PAUL KEIPER J. W. VANDEGRIFT
PHYSICIAN.	THOMAS C WORTHINGTON
TINSMITH.	WM. FERGUSON
WEAVERS.	RALPH LEM



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VIL OF KINGS  
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Attachment 1  
Ho-188  
Granite Park  
Tax Map 42

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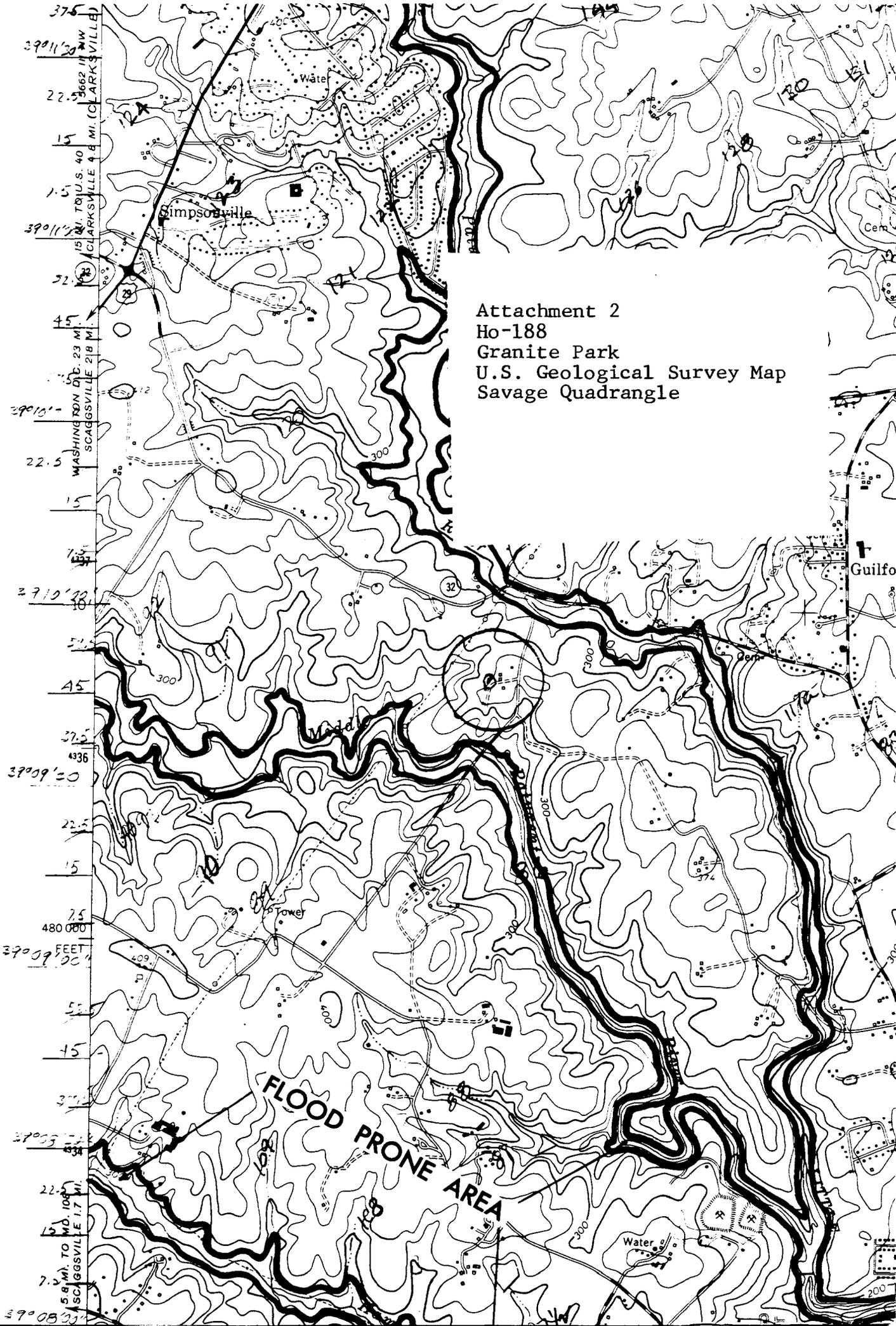
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Attachment 2  
Ho-188  
Granite Park  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Savage Quadrangle

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FLOOD PRONE AREA

Guilfo

Cem

Water

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